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For: SHEET FOR INK JET RECORDING, INK FOR INK JET RECORDING, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF INK FOR INK JET RECORDING, INK SET FOR INK JET RECORDING, AND INK JET RECORDING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

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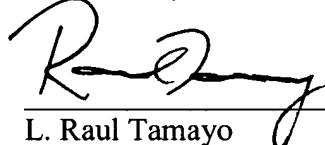
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JP-A-2001-246838 ("JP '838") discloses a paper for inkjet recording, which comprises a coloring material-receiving layer containing a betaine ampholytic surfactant. However, the aim of JP '838 is not to solve problems under high humidity conditions, and a sheet of the present invention does not include the betaine ampholytic surfactant disclosed in JP '838.

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